and industrial products. Honourable members will realise that the possibilities of the co-operative movement are very great. To borrow your own words, Sir, the co-operative movement has to be given a new orientation with a view to make it a consumer's movement, a producer's movement, a distributor's movement and a marketer's movement. The question of putting the movement on a sound basis has been engaging the attention of both the Government and the public men of Travancore for some time past and on the 8th Karkadagom 1116 a conference of the leading representatives of the various Co-operative Societies was held in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall to consider this question. They passed resolutions requesting Government to come to the rescue of the movement by giving adequate financial aid and, if necessary, by exercising control over the working of these societies. That conference also passed another resolution that an Advisory Committee should be constituted to help the Registrar in drawing up a practical and workable scheme for rehabilitating the movement. Government passed orders authorising the constitution of the committee, and directed that the report should be submitted within three months. I can testify to the enthusasism, zeal and earnestness with which the members of the committee are discharging their duties. They have already met twice and deliberated on various aspects of the movement and it is to meet the travelling allowance of the committee members that this Demand is made. This item was not contemplated at the time the budget was considered by the Council. In the interest of the movement, I request the honourable members to give their assent to this Demand.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,400 under Demand XXII—Co-operative Department—was put and carried. The grant was made.

DEMAND XXXI—MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

Mr. A. Lekshminarayana Ayyar: Sir, I beg to move for a sum of Rs. 1,00,000—under Demand XXXI—Miscellaneous Charges—for additional contribution to the Distress Relief Fund. In the year 1116 a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs was voted by this House for Distress Relief and to provide work for those thrown out of employment on account of the closing down of certain factories. About Rs. two lakhs was spent that year and Rs. one and a half lakhs will be spent this year. The balance of Rs. one and a half lakhs will be invested to earn compound interest in accordance with the announcement made by the Dewan-President on the 9th August 1941. It was also announced then that a sum of not less than Rs. one lakh will be provided each year for investment so that the accumulations may be available later on in times

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of financial stringency to provide relief to the distressed. This sum of Rs. one lakh is therefore required for the allotment to be provided this year for investment.

President: I may tell the honourable members that this amount of Rs. one lakh was indicated at a time when things did not move as fast as they are moving now. I am warning that Government may have to spend much more than Rs. one lakh on distress relief. But this is to begin with. I hope and realise that the people of the country also should take some part in the alleviation of the distress which may, God forbid, become more widespread than it is at present.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 under Demand XXXI—Miscellaneous Charges was put and carried. The grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE POLICE ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pilla' (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Police Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken up for consideration.

Mr. A. Lekshminarayana Ayyar: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2.

The question that Clauses 1 and 2 do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Clauses were added to the Bill.

Title and Preamble.

The question that the Title and Preamble do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Title and Preamble were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Police Act (Amendment) Bill be passed.

Mr. A. Lekshminarayana Ayyar: I second it.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken up for consideration.

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